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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/523,494	Applicant(s) FARIS ET AL.	
	Examiner Shantese L. McDonald	Art Unit 3723	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-6,8 and 9 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 6,8 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 2,3 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 5 objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 5, line 5 reads "the substrates to not contact", it appears that this should read, "the substrates do not contact". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by An et al.

An et al. teaches a method of cutting a flexible glazing structure comprising applying a non-conductive barrier material to a first pair of substrates to be laminated before coating with liquid crystal material, laminating the pair of substrates with liquid crystal material there between and cutting the laminate, (col. 6, lines 36-43, and col. 8, lines 45-47). An et al. also teaches cutting notches in both of a pair of substrates to be laminated, registering the substrates such that the notches do not overlap when the substrates are laminated together, (col. 9, lines 40-46, fig. 17B).

The Examiner notes that the notches do not touch, therefore they do not overlap.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over An et al. in view of Choi et al.

An et al. teaches all the limitations of the claims except for lowering the temperature of the substrates and liquid crystal material to a temperature sufficiently low to increase the viscosity of the liquid crystal material. Choi et al. teaches that when forming a LCD, when the temperature of the liquid crystal is lowered, the viscosity is increased, (col. 2, lines 5-43). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a LCD, made by lowering temperature and therefore having a high viscosity of the liquid crystal, as taught by Choi et al., in the cutting method of An et al., An et al. teaches a method of cutting a LCD, and Choi teaches a LCD, and the method of cutting of An et al. can be performed on various types of LCDs.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 6,8 and 9 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12/20/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In reference to claim 2, the Applicant argues that An et al. does not apply a non-conductive barrier material to the first pair of substrates before coating laminating with a liquid crystal material. The Examiner disagrees. An teaches that the first and second substrates are attached by a seal, 105, which is an epoxy resin, (col. 9, lines 12-13), which is therefore a non-conductive barrier material. Then An laminates the pair of substrates, (as claimed in claim 2), with liquid crystal material, (col. 6, lines 41-42), and the cutting the laminate along a barrier formed by the non-conductive barrier material, (col. 8, lines 45-47 and figs. 15A and 15B, which shows the cutting going through the non-conductive barrier, 105, col. 9, lines 12-13).

In reference to claim 3, the Examiner feels that the An reference reads on the limitations of the claim, as claimed. The claim states the notches are cut in the substrate, (fig. 17B). The claim states that the notches do not overlap when the substrate are laminated together. The notches of An do not overlap, meaning that they

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do not at any point come in contact with another notch, (the longitudinal axis going through the apexes of the notches, in fig. 17B are aligned). The claims claim that the notches themselves do not overlap, which in fig. 17B they don't. The newly added limitation of the inner surfaces of the substrate are exposed is also met by An. The inner surface of the substrate of An is exposed to various things, such as liquid crystal material. The limitation does not specify as to what it is exposed to.

In reference to claim 5, the LCD as taught by Choi et al. teaches lowering the temperature of the substrate and the LCD which in turn increases the viscosity of the of the LCD material. The Examiner cited the Choi reference to teach an LCD substrate. The LCD of Choi was combined with the cutting method An, which teaches that the method can be used on various types of LCD, and the LCD of Choi fits into that category.

In reference to the argument that An does not teach laminating the substrate. The Examiner notes that laminate/laminating is defined in The New Heritage Dictionary, as to make by uniting several layers, or composed of layers bonded together.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shantese L. McDonald whose telephone number is (571) 272-4486. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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